

68th Armored Infantry Battalion
S-3 Periodic Report January 1-31, 1945

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For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 113 & 117

S - 3 REP ORT

From: 0001, 1 Jan 45
To: 2400, 1 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Place: Rahling, France

Date: 012400 Jan 45

No. 15

Maps: France 1:50,000 Sheets XXXVI-13 and XXXVII-14

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay forwarded by Ln C 011400 Jan 45

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See overlay forwarded by Ln C 011400 Jan 45

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Clear and cold.

Visibility: Unlimited.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

See attachd sheet.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit in new positions - see overlay.



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6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Iq					
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co 94th Rcn	One (1) 1/4 Ton		1		
"D" Co					
TOTAL					

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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S - 3 REP ORT

From: 0001, 2 Jan 45
To: 2400, 2 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Place: Niedersoultzbach, Fr.

Date: 022400, 2 Jan 45

No. 16

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheets VI & V2

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay submitted via msgr 022000 Jan 45.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay submitted via msgr 022000 Jan 45.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

C-94 relieved from attachment to this unit.

See overlay

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Clear and cold.

Visibility: Unlimited.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Bn and attachments began mounted road march to new area; head of column crossed IP 021252 Jan 45. Tail of column closed in new area 021655 Jan 45. See atchd overlay for route. Co B (2 rifle platoons) with 1-C 125th Engrs to outpost asgd sector (see overlay submitted via msgr 022000 Jan 45) to detect and defeat any attempted enemy infiltration from woods from NW or thru our flanks. One rifle platoon, Co B, in support. C-48 and C-68 in reserve. 1-C 125th Engrs preparing road and tree demolitions. See overlay submitted via msgr 022000 Jan 45 for location of troops, etc.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit moved to new area. Outposted assigned sector.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Ho.					
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co					
2 48th Tk Bn	One (1) M4 Tank (75mm gun)				
"D" Co					
TOTAL					

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S - 3 REP ORT

From: 0001, 3 Jan 45
To: 2400, 3 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Place: Niedersaultzbach, Fr.

Date: 032400, 3 Jan 45

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Maps: France 1:50,000 Sheets XXXVII-14.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See atchd overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See atchd overlays.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

1-C 125th Engrs relieved from attachment.

See atchd overlays.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and cold.

Visibility: Poor

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Co B outposting assigned sector (see atchd overlay for their dispositions) to prevent any attempted ey infiltration from woods from NW or thru our flanks. One rifle platoon, Co B, in support. C-48 and C-68 in reserve.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Co B outposting assigned sector to prevent ey infiltration.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq					
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co 48th Tk Bn	One (1) M4 Tank (75mm gun)			1	
"D" Co					
TOTAL					

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S - 3 REP ORT

From: 0001, 4 Jan 45
To: 2400, 4 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Place: Niedarsoultzbach, Fr.

Date: 042400 Jan 45

No. 18

Maps: France 1:50,000 Sheet XXXVII-14.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay accompanying S-3 Report No. 17

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay accompanying S-3 Report No. 17

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and cold.

Visibility: Poor

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Co B continued to outpost assigned sector (see overlay previously submitted) to prevent any attempted ey infiltration from woods from NW or thru our flanks. One rifle platoon, Co B, in support. C-48 and C-68 in reserve. I&R Platoon motorized patrols making contact with friendly troops at Erkartswiller to obtain situation, and also to Dossenheim. Patrols continuing throughout night every 3 hours. (See atchd overlay for routes). See atchd overlay of patrol made by I&R Plt at 1745, giving locations of friendly and ey troops.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Co B outposting asgd sector to prevent ey infiltration.
I&R Platoon contacting friendly troops to obtain situation.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq					
"A" Co					
"B" Co		*	TP	C	
"C" Co					
48th Tk Bn	One (1) M4 Tank (75mm gun)			1	
"D" Co					
TOTAL			-		
			-		
			-	*	

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S - 3 REP ORT

From: 0001, 5 Jan 45
To: 2400, 5 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Place: Niedersoultzbach, Fr.

Date: 052400 Jan 45

No. 19

Maps: France 1:50,000 Sheet XXXVII-14

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay accompanying S-3 Report No. 17.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay accompanying S-3 Report No. 17.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See overlay previously submitted.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Partly cloudy and cold.

Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Co B continued to outpost asgd sector (see overlay previously submitted) to prevent any ey infiltration from woods from NW or thru our flanks. One rifle platoon, Co B, in support. C-48 and C-68 in reserve. Balance of unit and attachment carrying out training schedule (see copy previously submitted). One section I&R Platoon continued motorized contact patrols to CP 180th Inf Regt at Wisselau every two hrs throughout day and night; one section I&R platoon continued security patrol to Dossenheim every three hrs. throughout day and night. (See atchd overlay for routes of motorized patrols).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Co B outposting asgd sector to prevent ey infiltration. I&R Platoon contacting friendly troops to obtain situation.

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6. TANK AND TD STATUS.

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq					
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co 68th Tk	One (1) M2 Half-Track		1		
"C" Co 48th Tk	One (1) M1 Tank (75mm gun)			1	
Sv Co 68th	One (1) 2½ Ton TRUCK			1	
TOTAL					

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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S - 3 REP ORT

From: 0001, 6 Jan 45
To: 2400, 6 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Place: Enroute to
Soulitz, Fr
Date: 062400 Jan 45

No. 20

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheet VI

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Enroute to Soulitz.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

Enroute to Soulitz

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Partly cloudy and cold.

Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Co B, 68, relieved from outpost mission by 1 platoon B-94 at 1610. Co B reassembled in Weinbourg. Balance of unit carried out training as per schedule previously submitted. 1-Q 125 Engr and C Trp 94 (-) joined unit for mounted march to Soulitz. Unit and attachments crossed IR 1045 on mounted road march to Soulitz. (For route of march see overlay).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Co B relieved of outpost duty and unit and attachments enroute to Soulitz.

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b. TANK AND TD STATUS:

LITTLE REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED:

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S - 3 REP ORT

From: 0001, 7 Jan 45
To: 2400, 7 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Place: Soultz-sous-Forêts, Fr.

Date: 072400 Jan 45

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Maps:

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Soultz-sous-Forêts

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

1-0 125th Engrs atchd. 500th FA in support.



4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy, cold, with light snow

Visibility: Poor

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Unit and attachments closed in new area (Soultz-sous-Forêts) 0432. C Trp 94 (-) relieved from attachment to 68th. Unit reorganizing for any forthcoming mission. 1-0 125th made road rec, covering roads in immediate sector. Report submitted to CO "A".

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit in bivouac in new area.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
HQ					
Co 68th	One (1) 1/4 Ton			1	
68th	One (1) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton		1		
48th Tk Bn	One (1) M1 Tank 75mm Gun)			1	
68th Sv Co	One (1) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Truck			1	
TOTAL					

TRANSMISSIONS RECEIVED

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S - 3 REP ORT

From: 0001, 8 Jan 45

To: 2400, 8 Jan 45

Leaving Unit: 68th AIE

Place: Soultz-sous-Forêts, Fr

Date: 082400 Jan 45

No. 22

Maps: _____

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Soultz-sous-Forêts.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

1-C 125 125th Atchd.

Co B, 827th TD Bn Atchd.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy with snow.

Visibility: Poor

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

At 0500 Co B, 827th TD Bn, joined 68th. Reconnaissance made by I&R Plat and CO, Co B, 827th TD, for defensive positions in vicinity of Soultz-sous-Forêts. At 1615 Co B, 827th TD, made practice move to defensive firing positions on high ground approx 1/2 mi. North of Soultz-sous-Forêts and upon completion returned to Soultz-sous-Forêts.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Co D 827th TD Bn joined unit; rec made for their defensive fires; practice set up by them.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair			Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours		
Hq						
"A" Co						
"B" Co						
"C" Co						
48th Tk	One (1) M4 Tank (75mm Gun)				1	
68th Sv Co	One (1) 2 ^{1/2} Ton Truck				1	
TOTAL						

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Type of	Operationally	Under Repair	Lost
		Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs
			During Period

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Maps:

From: 0001, 9 Jan 45
To: 2400, 9 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Soultz-sous-Forêts, Fr
Date: 092400 Jan 45

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Soultz-sous-Forêts, except ~~xx~~ Co B-827th TD.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

1-C 125th Engrs Co B, 827th TD Bn (detached)

~~xxx other units (detached)~~

WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Moderately cold and clear.

Visibility: Good

4. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Unit and attachments remained alert for movement. 1 Plat Co B 827th TD Bn moved per request of Task Force Wahl at 1325 to vic North of Hatten. At 1500 balance Co B 827th TD Bn and Co C 48th Tk Bn joined forces engaged in tank battle North of Hatten. Rcn made by CO and S-3 in conjunction with I&R Plat to select defensive position sites in this sector. Plan for Defense submitted CCA earlier today via Ln O.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit alert for movement. C-48 and B-827 joined forces N of Hatten.



6. TANK AND TD STATUS.

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs.	
Hq					
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co					
	A		C		C
	F	F			F
"D" Co					
TOTAL					

ALL VEHICLES OF 68TH OPERATIONALLY FIT.

TD (Co B-827th) STATUS - UNKNOWN.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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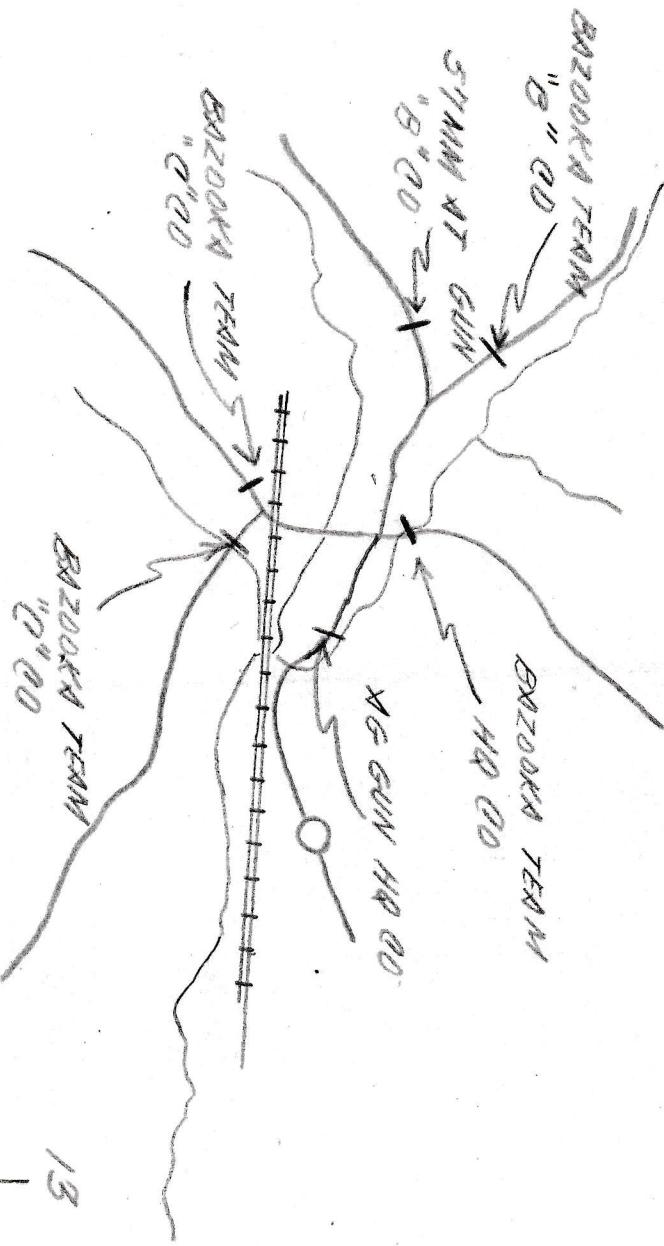
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From: 0001 10 Jan 45
To: 2400 10 Jan 45

Issuing Unit: 68th AIB

Place: Soultz-sous-Forets, Fr.

Date: 102400 Jan 45

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Maps: _____

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

None

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Soultz-sous-Forets, Fr.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

1-C 125th Engrs atchd.

Co A, 48th Tk Bn atchd.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Clear and moderately cold.

Visibility: Good

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Unit and attachments remained alert for movement in any direction.
Co A 48th Tk Bn joined this unit 101930 Jan 45.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good



7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit alert for movement. A-48 joined unit.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit No.	Type of Vehicle e.g. Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hours	Fit over 24 hours	
A Co					
B Co					
C Co					
D Co					
E Co					
F Co					
G Co					
H Co					
I Co					
J Co					
K Co					
L Co					
M Co					
N Co					
O Co					
P Co					
ALL VEHICLES THIS UNIT OPERATIONALLY FIT. TD STATUS - Unknown.					(as of 1900)

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3-3 REPORT

From: 0001, 11 Jan 45
To: 2400, 11 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68th AB
Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr.
Date: 112400 Jan 45

No. 25

Map: France 1:25,000 Sheets XXXIX-14 1&2 and XXXVIII-14 3&4.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See atchd overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

1-C 125th Engrs atchd. 500th FA in support.
Co A, 48th Tk Bn atchd.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and cold, occasional snow flurries.

Visibility: Poor

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Unit and attachments began mounted road march, starting at 0530, to Kuhlendorf. Last elements closed in Kuhlendorf 0625. Co B and C dug in defensive positions on high ground SE of town. Launched attack against Rittershoffen at 1545 as ordered. Co B relieved to join 48th Tk Bn prior to attack and A-68 rejoined parent unit. Infantry, with A-48 Tk advanced to within approx 200 yds of town but pinned down by heavy SAF and arty fire. 500 FA fired several rds smoke but visibility was too poor to observe. At dark Infantry and tanks withdrew to line (see overlay) and dug in defensive positions. Hourly patrols contacting 48th Tk on right and Co G, 222d Inf.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit launched attack on Rittershoffen, but forced at darkness to withdraw to high ground N and NW of town.

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Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs.	
Hq					
"A" Co 48th Tk Bn	Four (4) M4 Tanks (75mm guns)		UNKNOWN		4
"B" Co					
"C" Co 68th AIB	One (1) M2 Half-Track		1		1
"D" Co					
TOTAL					

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S-3 REPORT

No. 26

Maps: France 1:50,000

From: 0001, 12 Jan 45
To: 2400, 12 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr.
Date: 122400 Jan 45

1. CUR MIGRA LINES:

See overlay forwarded via Ln Off

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay forwarded via Ln Off

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See overlay forwarded via Ln Off

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and cold with occasional snow flurries.

Visibility: Poor



5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

At 0800 coordinated attack launched on Rittershoffen from high ground (see overlay accompanying S-3 Report No. 25). Advanced and Forward CP was set up in Rittershoffen at 1015. Attack divided into assault groups. By tank, MG and sniper fire held up troops in north center of town and forced to withdraw to main street (Check Point 1, South). At dark [redacted] outposted (sector in our hands) (See overlay forwarded via Ln O) A-48 withdrew at dark to same position as last night with 1-C-125 out in front (for position see overlay). Contact being made with CCB outpost hourly on half hour and B-68 hourly on half hour, beginning at 1930.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Portion of Rittershoffen is our hands being held.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs.	
Hq Co 68th AIB	One (1) 1/4 Ton			1	1
A* Co					
B* Co					
C* Co 68th AIB	One (1) 1/4 Ton	-		1	1
XXXXXX Med Det	One (1) 3/4 Ton Ambulance			1	1
TOTAL					

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4-2 REPORT

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From: 0001, 13 Jan 45
To: 2400, 13 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68th AB
Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr.
Date: 132400 Jan 45

No. 27

Map: France ~~1:25,000~~ 1:25,000 (Reference: Sketch of Rittershoffen).

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay forwarded via Ln C.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay forwarded via Ln C.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See overlay forwarded via Ln C.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Clear & cold.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Good, except in Rittershoffen where smoke from burning bldg is heavy. Resumed attack at 0800. (Reference: Sketch of town) Progressed slowly from positions on main street of Rittershoffen. Co A advanced slowly up street to left while Co C advanced slowly up street NE of Check Point 1 South, both working in tk-inf teams. Intense SAF and mortar fire (ey) from NE and N part of town around Check Point 1 North. By arty intense in town throughout day. Intense sniper fire from buildings. AG's and 81mm's fired on NE part of town via (15883430). Most of bldgs in town on fire from our arty and ey arty. At dark troops forced to withdraw to same sector of town as last due to most bldgs on fire. By counter-attacks of small forces forced back at 1700 and 1815. Outposted sector of town in our hands the same as last night (for positions see overlay submitted via Ln C). Troops firing harassing fire into houses with SA during night. Counterattack from East at approx 2115 successfully repelled and our defenses maintained. Contact patrols maintained with 48th on right and CCB on left, beginning at 1930.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULT OF OPERATIONS:

Troops holding present positions, despite intense ey SAF, mortar and arty.

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6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs.	
HQ					
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co					
"D" Co					
TOTAL	68 less same vehicles out as reported on Report No. 26. tanks in good shape.				A-48 has 13

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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P-3 REPORT

No. 28

MAP

0001, 14 Jan 45
2400, 14 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68 AB
Place: Ruhleben, FR
Date: 142400 Jan 45

1. GUNNERS, ETC.

See overlay submitted via Ln D.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS

See overlay submitted via Ln D.

3. INFORMATION OF ASSAULT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS

See overlay submitted via Ln D.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY

Weather: Clear & cold

Visibility: Good



5. CONCURRENCE OF TROOPS

Further attack of Ritterhafen launched at 0900. Intense hvy esp mort fire from road to town which held up troops considerably. Attack made by 1K - 1st teams. 2 esp tks knocked out by our troops (one mort & 1K & one mort & 1K). Roads to west of town flushed of all esp by patrols. At dark troops withdrawn & held bldgs formerly held. Town still burning. (See overlay submitted via Ln D for attacking details - location of troops) Friendly arty decreased. Intense hvy esp mort fire friendly arty harassing fire throughout night.

6. COMINT EFFICIENCY

good

7. RESULT OF OPERATIONS

Troops held sector, despite intense hvy mort fire.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS.

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During Period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs.	
Hq Co 60th	One (1) M2 M13			1	
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co					
"D" Co					
TOTAL	<p>A-48 = 10 2ts in good working order. No change in 68 vehicles, except as shown above.</p>				

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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For instructions see FM Circulars 116 & 117

3-3 REVERSE

From: 0001, 15 Jan 45
To: 2400, 15 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68 AIB
Place: Rutherford, Fr.
Date: 15 2400 Jan 45

No. 29

Map: France 1:25,000

OUR LADY LIBRARY

See overlay submitted via Ln. O.

LOCATE AND COORDINATE

See overlay submitted via LaD.

INDEX OF PLATEAU AND MOUNTAIN TERRAINS

See overlay submitted via Lon O.

MEMPHIS AND Vicksburg

Westerly; Claydy & co. ad.

Versatility: Very Fair

OUR OPERATIONS IN THE FIELD

Further attack of Rittershoffen. Eys. not as aggressive as yesterday. Eys. have marked anti fire continued. Visibility in town very poor. Sniper fire from roof of church. A 20 & 81 mm short range fire on the edge of town. Attack by fire order changed to attack order approx 1300. At darkness troops re-occupied bldgs previously held and anticipated & making contact patrols with adjacent units. (see overleaf submitted via Ltr). "Daisy chain" mines protecting roads in our sector. Friendly anti prepared for defensive harassing missions throughout the night.

CONTINUATION

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7. READING QUESTIONS

Groups held previously taken
several.



C. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hrs.	Lost During Period
Co 68th	One Gun 4			1	1
"A" Co					
"B" Co					
"C" Co					
"D" Co					
TOTAL	A-48 JK Status rptd via Ln & 68 - No change, except as above.				

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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S-3 REPORT

No. 29

From: 0001, 16 Jan 45
To : 2400, 16 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68 AIB
Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr
Date: 162400 Jan 45

Maps: France 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

B-68 returned to Bn control

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Clear and cold.

Visibility: Good

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Attack of Rittershoffen continued. Much less movement of enemy vehicles, but intense hvy. sy mortar and arty fire continued. Steeple on church in Rittershoffen completely demolished by our tank fire. Spasmodic sy burp gun and sniper fire from NW part of town. At darkness troops re-occupied bldgs previously held and outposted, making contact patrols with adjacent units, (see overlay submitted via Ln O). Friendly arty prepared for defensive harassing missions throughout night. 81mm mortars fired effectively on sy. arty destroyed by Ammos dump. Our troops succeeded in flushing out destroyig considerable sy.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATION:

Troops held sector previously taken.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Vehicles Out:

68 Hq - One (1) 1/4 ton Over 24 hours.
One M2 Half Track Under 24 hours.
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48 - A One (1) 2-1/2 Ton Truck Over 24 hours.
One (1) M4 Med Tank Under 24 hours.

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S-3 REPORT

From : 0001, 17 Jan 45
To : 2400, 17 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68 AIB
Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr.
Date: 172400 Jan 45

No. 50

Map: France 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay submitted via In C.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay submitted via In C.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

See overlay submitted via In C.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and cold.

Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Continued attack of Rittershoffen in conjunction with 1st Bn, 315 Inf. Troops advanced slowly under heavy sniper fire. By aggressive, firing on our vehicles on Kuhlendorf-Rittershoffen road. At darkness troops held previously taken sector and placed outpost defenses, contacting adjacent units. Friendly arty prepared for defensive harassing missions throughout night.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATION:

Troops held sector previously taken.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Vehicles Out:
B-48 2 - M4 Tanks (75mm Guns)
Sv-68 1 - Tank Recovery Unit

Out over 24 hours
Out over 24 hrs.



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S-3 REPORT

From: 0001, 18 Jan 45
To : 2400, 18 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68 AIB
Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr.
Date: 182400 Jan 45

No. 31

Map: France 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

B-315 attached to 68th for tactical purposes only.

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and cold.

Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

68 continued to hold sector of Rittershoffen previously taken. 68 patrols active in conjunction with 1-315 Inf and 68 relieved from attachment to 1-315 effective 1100. Contact patrols contacting 62d AIB on left (see overlay submitted via Ln O). Eyesless active today. Received some intense hvy arty in Rittershoffen. AG's and 81mm mortars active, firing harassing fires. Friendly arty prepared for defensive harassing missions throughout the night.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Troops held sector previously taken.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

No vehicles lost today.



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S-3 REPORT

From : 0001, 19 Jan 45
To : 2400, 19 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Kuhlendorf, Fr.
Date : 192400 Jan 45

No. 32

Map: France 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

See overlay submitted via Ln O.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and mild, with occasional showers.

Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

68 continued to hold sector of Rittershoffen previously taken. Strong combat patrols of 68 tried to force their way North in town, but were held down and forced to withdraw due to hvy ey sniper fire. 81mm Mortar and 75mm AG's fired diversionary fire at (158343) in order to permit strong combat patrol of 68 to make its way up street in west part of town in an effort to contact B-315 - Results not known. Friendly arty prepared for firing defensive harassing missions throughout night. 68 continued to hold previously taken sector of town, making contact patrols throughout the night (see overlay submitted via Ln O).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

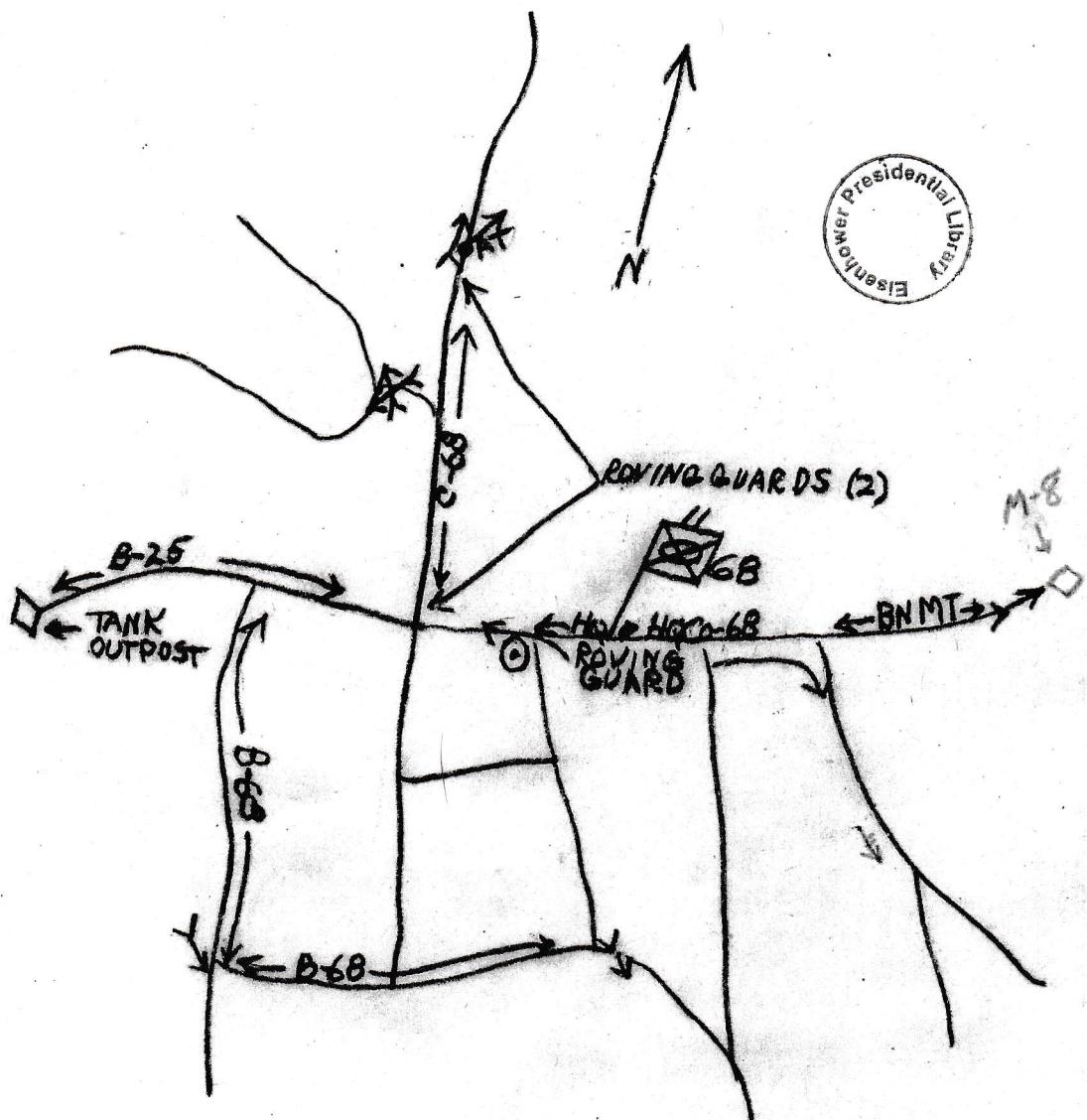
Troops held sector previously taken.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Hq Co -68 - One (1) 1/4 Ton - Over 24 hours

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SECURITY PLAN 68TH A.I.B.
23 JAN 45

TOWN PLAN OF BATZENDORF
NOT TO SCALE

LEGEND:

- 2-MAN BAZOOKA POST
- 57MM AT GUN
- ◊ TANK OUTPOST

8-3 REPORT

From: 0001, 24 Jan 45
To : 2400, 24 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Batzendorf, Fr.
Date: 241900 Jan 45

No. 35

Map: France 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: XXXX
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Batzendorf, Fr.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

B-25 atchd.
1-B-125 Engrs atchd.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cold and cloudy.
Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Unit and attachments in bivouac at Batzendorf. Town heavily outposted (For complete information see memo and sketches submitted via Ln C regarding security). Unit alert for commitment.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Fair

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit in bivouac; alert for commitment.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Company	Type	Operational	U N D E R R E P A I R		Lost During Per.
			Vehicle	Fit	
B-25 Tk	M4 (75)	6	0	0	0
	M4 (75)	9	0	1	0
Hq Co-68	M8 (75)	2	0	0	0

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3-3 REPORT

From: 0001, 25 Jan 45
To : 2400, 25 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Winterhausen, Fr.
Date: 252100 Jan 45

No. 36

Map: France 1:25,000 Sheets XXXVIII-14 5 & 6, XXXVIII-15 7 & 8.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

See atchd overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

See atchd overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

B-25 atchd.

1-B-125 atchd.

499 FA in support

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and Cold.

Visibility: Good

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Attack jumped off at 1230, objective being to tie in with unit on left via (981257) and restore MLR. Attack formation: C-68 with 1 platoon B-25, P-68 with balance of B-25. Troops advanced from Ohlungen to NE by-passing Schweighausen, circling west on either side of road, using it as axis of advance. Troops reached as far as via 089252. At dark troops dug in along line (see atchd overlay). 499th Arty set up defensive fires for night (see overlay).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

See Par. 5.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Company	Type	Vehicle	Operationally		UNDER REPAIR		Lost During Per
			Fit	Under 24 hrs	Over 24 hrs		
B-25 Tk	M4 (76)		6	0	0		0
	M4 (75)		10	0	0		0
Hq Co-68th	M8 (75)		2	0	0		0
	M4 (105)		1	0	0		0

S-3 REPORT

From: 0001, 26 Jan 45
To : 2400, 26 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Batzendorf, Fr.
Date: 261900 Jan 45

No. 37

Map: XXX

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Batzendorf

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

B-25 atchd.

1-B-125 atchd.



4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and cold with snow.

Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Troops launched attack at 0730 from previously dug-in positions, with objective of re-establishing MLR along road in our sector vic (976255) to (993248). Despite deep snow and drifts, in addition to heavy falling snow, troops advanced with great difficulty, meeting no enemy resistance, and reached the objective at 0930. Troops filled dug-in positions along road vic (976255) to (993248) and awaited relief by 1st Bn 314 Inf. Relief was effective approx 1545. Troops were infiltrated out of positions to vic Ohlungen, mounted in vehicles for infiltration back to Batzendorf. All troops closed in Batzendorf 1545, at which time Batzendorf was outposted.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATION:

Unit successfully achieved objective; relieved by 1st Bn, 314 Inf.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Company	Type	Vehicle	Operationally			UNDER REPAIR		Lost During Per.
			Fit	Under 24 Hrs	Over 24 Hrs			
B-25 TK	M4 (76)		6	0	0			0
	M4 (75)		9	1	0			0
Hq Co-68th	M8 (75)		2	0	0			0
	M4 (105)		1	0	0			0

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S-3 REPORT

From: 0001, 27 Jan 45
To : 2400, 27 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Batzendorf, Fr.
Date: 271900 Jan 45

No. 38

Map: XXX

1. OUR FRONT LINES: XXXX

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Batzendorf

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

B-25 atchd.

1-B-125 atchd.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and cold with heavy snow.
Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Unit and attachments in bivouac at Batzendorf, awaiting further orders.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Unit in bivouac, awaiting orders.

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Company	Type	Operationally Fit	UNDER REPAIR			Lost During Per.
			Under 24 Hrs	Over 24 Hrs		
B-25 Tk	M4 (76)	6	0	0		0
	M4 (75)	10	0	0		0
Hq Co-68	M8 (75)	2	0	0		0
	M4 (105)	1	0	0		0

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S-3 REPORT

From: OOCIL, 28 Jan 45
To : 2400, 28 Jan 45
Issuing Unit: 68th AIB
Place: Batzendorf, Fr.
Date: 281830 Jan 45

No. 39

Map: XXX

1. OUR FRONT LINES: XXX

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Batzendorf

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:

B-25 atchd.

1-B-125 atchd.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

Weather: Cloudy and cold with snow flurries.

Visibility: Fair

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Unit and attachments remained in assembly area at Batzendorf, awaiting further orders.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXX

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Company	Vehicle	Type	Operationally Fit	UNDER REPAIR				Lost During Period
				Under 24 Hrs	Over 24 Hrs	24 Hrs		
B-25 Tk	M4 (76)		6	0	0	0		0
	M4 (75)		10	0	0	0		0
Hq Co-68	M8 (75)		2	0	0	0		0
	M4 (105)		1	0	0	0		0

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